

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 21, 27, and 28 have been previously canceled.  
Claims 31-33 are canceled via the present amendment. The claims remaining in the application are 3, 5-20, 22-26, 29, and 30.

### **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner has rejected claims 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hara et al. (U.S. 5,592,239). Claims 31-33 have been canceled.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has allowed claims 3, 5-20, 22-26, 29, and 30.  
Claims 31-33 are canceled.

### **CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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